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**BINGAMAN REACTS TO DOE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BECTEL-U.C. WILL
MANAGE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LAB**

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman issued the following statement about the Department of Energy's decision to award Los Alamos National Laboratory's management contract to Bectel-University of California:

"This announcement marks the end of a long and difficult period of uncertainty for LANL employees.□

"We were fortunate that two outstanding teams were interested in managing this lab.□

"Early in the new year, I will be seeking a briefing with DOE and NNSA officials to find out how the six-month transition process will unfold, and to ensure that lab employees' pension and other concerns will be addressed.

"Los Alamos National Laboratory has benefited tremendously from its six-decade association with the University of California. I am confident that this new management team will ensure that LANL remains one of our nation's most important research laboratories."